

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

United States of America

Case 3:15-cr-0081-1

Plaintiff

v.

District Judge Thomas M. Rose

Denzel Dixon

Defendant

**ENTRY AND ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION
FOR RELEASE FROM DETENTION AND REQUEST FOR HEARING (DOC #53)**

This matter comes before this Court pursuant to Defendant's Motion for Release from Detention and Request for Hearing (Doc.#53) filed February 10, 2016, subsequent to the Defendant being arrested and ordered detained (Doc.#16) on July 6,2015. Pursuant to said Motion the Court convened a hearing on said Motion on March 21,2016.

In accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3145 (b) a defendant is entitled to file with this Court a motion for revocation or amendment of a previous detention order, such as that before this Court. The Court is to promptly decide said motion.

Under 18 U.S.C. 3142 (f) this Court in reviewing said detention order must make a determination whether any condition or combination of conditions would reasonably assure the appearance of the Defendant as required and the safety of any other person and community. In making this determination the Court has considered the factors enumerated under 18 U.S.C. 3142 (g) including the nature and circumstances of the offense charged, the weight of evidence, the history and characteristics of the person and the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the Defendant's release.

The Court must consider these factors in light of 18 U.S.C. 3142 (e) which require that if the Court finds that there is probable cause to believe that Defendant committed an offense for which the maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et. seq.), it is presumed that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the Defendant as required and the safety of others and the community. Of course this presumption is subject to rebuttal by the Defendant.

In this case, the Court in review of the entire record, presented at the original detention hearing held by the Magistrate on July 6, 2015, finds that there is probable cause to believe that this Defendant committed the offense charged; Count 1 Conspiracy (21 U.S.C. 841 (a)(1) & (b)(1)(C)) which has a prescribed mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years of imprisonment with a maximum of 40 years of imprisonment. Subsequently Defendant was again indicted several times resulting in a Second Superseding Indictment with the same count as in the original Indictment, Count 1 Conspiracy and additional charges, Counts 2, 3 and 4 Possession with Intent to Distribute, which have maximum sentences of imprisonment of 20 years each and Count 5 Possession of Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking Offense, which has a mandatory minimum of 5 years of imprisonment with a maximum sentence of life imprisonment to be served consecutive to other counts of convictions. Therefore, this Court presumes, subject to rebuttal, that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of this Defendant as required and the safety of others and the community.

In considering the nature and circumstances of the offenses charged, the Court notes that the counts are controlled substance offenses which allege very significant amounts. As previously stated, the Court has found probable cause in considering the entire record and weight of the evidence presented.

Although there is evidence that Defendant does have a place to live, there is also evidence of a criminal history and failures to appear. This history gives the Court concern as to the assurance of Defendant's future appearances as required as well as the safety of Defendant, others and the community. Although the Court has considered the testimony and evidence presented on Defendant's behalf, the Court concludes that evidence does not outweigh the Court's concerns under the 18 U.S.C. 3142(g) factors.

After weighing all evidence and reviewing the entire record, the Court finds probable cause that Defendant has committed the offense charged in the indictment creating the presumption, under 18 U.S.C. 3142 (e), that there is no condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably assure the appearance of the Defendant as required and the safety of Defendant, others and the community. The Court also finds that the Defendant has not sufficiently rebutted this presumption and that by clear and convincing evidence the Court does find that there are no conditions or combination of conditions that would reasonably assure the appearance of this Defendant as required and the safety of any other person and the community.

Therefore, Defendant's Motion for Release From Detention (Doc.#53) is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 29, 2016

THOMAS M. ROSE

Judge Thomas M. Rose
United States District Court